

The Science Coordination Group Update

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Rock Salt

**Science Coordination Group
Vice Chair**



Current Priorities

- Develop “System-wide” Indicators
- Conduct Independent Scientific Review
 - Phase I Plan to Coordinate Science
 - Proposed “System-wide” Indicators
- Develop Plan to Coordinate Science Phase II



“System-wide” Indicators – Vital Signs

- SCG reviewed and approved guidelines for selecting key indicators as vital signs
- Examples used to test guidelines (Roseate Spoonbill, Periphyton, Fish & Macroinvertebrates)
- Work proceeding to complete the list
- Coordinating with RECOVER



Independent Scientific Review

- SFWMD (through Garth Redfield's office) will assist with the Independent Scientific Review (ISR) process
- Draft statement of work provided to Garth Redfield for review and comment
- Reviewer guidelines and questions are under further development



Status of Plan to Coordinate Science Phase II

- Conceptual Ecological Model NEEDS and GAPS
 - SCG coordinating with RECOVER sub-group to develop needs and gaps
 - Schedule TBD



Timeline

Action	Lead	Milestone
Development and selection of indicators	SCG	12/05
Phase II Conceptual Ecological Model needs and gaps	SCG/ Recover	TBD
Quality Assurance, Data Sharing and Progress Tracking	SCG	11/05 – Spring 06
Complete Phase II of the PCS	SCG	9/06



Thank you.

Are there any questions?

